

[English]

Expansion of T.V. and Air in Border Areas

558. SHRIMATI VASUDNHARA RAJE:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to give special attention to the expansion of T.V. and A.I.R. in the border areas;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far and the present position of T.V. and A. I. R. in different borders.

(c) the steps taken to expand T.V. and A. I.R. net work in Rajasthan and the border areas in other States; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) and (b). Yes, sir. High priority has been given to the extension of Radio and TV services in the border areas of the country. In the case of All India Radio, emphasis was laid to strengthen radio coverage in the border areas right from the 6th Plan onwards. Under the scheme of border coverage, 20 radio transmitters and 96 TV transmitters are functioning.

(c) and (d). The details of various All India Radio and TV scheme which are under implementation are given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT**A. All India Radio**

<i>S.No</i>	<i>Location of the Project</i>
1.	Dhubri (Assam)
2.	Kinnaur (Himachal Pradesh)

<i>S.No</i>	<i>Location of the Project</i>
3.	Kargil (Jammu and Kashmir)
4.	Poonch (Jammu & Kashmir)
5.	Churachandpur (Manipur)
6.	Barmer (Rajasthan)
7.	Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)
8.	Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)
9.	Kailashahar (Tripura)
10.	Belonia (Tripura)
11.	Chamoli (Uttar Pradesh)
12.	Pauri/Srinagar (Uttar Pradesh)
13.	Pithoragarh (Uttar Pradesh)
14.	Uttarkashi (Uttar Pradesh)
15.	Lungleh (Mizoram)
16.	Simla (Himachal Pradesh)
17.	Imphal (Manipur)
18.	Kohima (Nagaland)
19.	Jaipur (Rajasthan)
20.	Bikaner (Rajasthan)
21.	Gangtok (Sikkim)
22.	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
23.	Calcutta (West Bengal)

<i>S.No</i>	<i>Location of the Project</i>
24.	Kurseong (West Bengal)
25.	Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) (50 KW SW)
26.	Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) (100 KW MW)

B. Doordarshan

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Location of the Project</i>
1.	Barmer (Rajasthan)
2.	Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)
3.	Bhuj (Gujarat)
4.	Fazilka (Punjab)
5.	Churachandpur (Manipur)
6.	Lungleh (Mizoram)
7.	Leh (Jammu & Kashmir)
8.	Sankoo (Jammu & Kashmir)
9.	Dras (Jammu & Kashmir)
10.	Timsogam (Jammu & Kashmir)
11.	Nagrota (Jammu & Kashmir)
12.	Gangtok (Sikkim)
13.	Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu)
14.	Phek (Nagaland)
15.	Bongaigaon (Assam)

Telephones to Panchayat Headquarters in Rajasthan

559. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to constitute a task force to provide public telephones to all the panchayat headquarters in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, when the task force was constituted;

(c) the target set for providing public telephones to all the panchayats; and

(d) the progress made so far to achieve the target?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) September 1991.

(c) 31st March 1995.

(d) Out of a total of 7353 panchayat villages 2592 have been covered with telephone facility as on 31.10.1991.

Hydel Projects During Eighth Five Year Plan

560. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give top priority to the implementation of hydel projects during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of proposals for hydel projects submitted by the state Gov-